

REMARKS

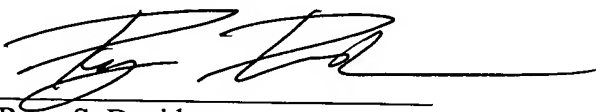
Claims 1-11, 13-16, 22-32, 34-46, 48-59, 61-71, 78-88 and 93-100 are pending in the present application. Specifically, in this preliminary amendment, claims 12, 17-21, 33, 47, 60, 72-77, and 89-92 have been cancelled, claims 1, 13, 14, 26, 34, 35, 41, 48, 49, 57, 61, 62, 65, 78 and 79 have been amended, and claims 93-100 have been added. The new claims and amended claims are fully supported by the original claims and the specification. Further, no new matter is presented by the amendments to claims 1, 13, 14, 26, 34, 35, 41, 48, 49, 57, 61, 62, 65, 78 and 79 and the addition of new claims 93-100.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the above-referenced application is in condition for allowance. Consideration and allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested. Should any outstanding issues remain, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 202-955-1950.

It is believed that no fees are due in connection with filing this Preliminary Amendment. However, in the event it is determined that any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

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